

layers and electrodes brought into contact with the solution, or arises as a result of the standard potential difference of the metal layers and the electrodes in such a way that the metal layers are polarised as the anode and the electrode as the cathode, such that an electrical current flows between the metal layers and the electrodes.

11. (amended) Method according to any one of claims 1, 2, 6 and 7 [the preceding claims], **characterised in that** the exposed metal film is removed with an alkaline metal etching solution.

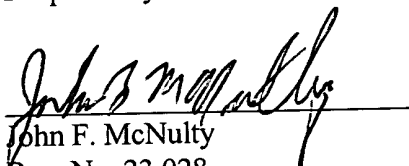
12. (amended) Method according to any one of claims 1-2 [the preceding claims], **characterised in that** a horizontal continuous process is used to form the protective layer and remove the exposed metal layers.

13. (amended) Method according to any one of claims 1, 2, 6 and 7 [the preceding claims], **characterised in that** the protective layer is stripped away after the metal film has been removed.

REMARKS

The above amendments are made in order to eliminate multiple dependent claims that would otherwise be improperly dependent upon other multiple dependent claims and to place the claims in proper U.S. form. A revised set of claim pages incorporating the above changes are provided herewith.

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